

Trimester 1

Becoming a Chaplain (UG: C7227B)

Professional Chaplaincy (PG: C8127B)

This unit provides students with an opportunity to understand the rather unique vocation of chaplaincy, introducing them to its distinctive characteristics, theological priorities, defining activities and core competencies. Students will explore the broad role of the chaplain, then focus on aspects of working in and leading teams, engaging with legal and organisational standards, and pursuing professional effectiveness. The unit will also expose students to some of the dilemmas, challenges, and opportunities faced by chaplains in the practice of professional chaplaincy across a variety of contexts.

Undergraduate Textbooks:

- Undergraduate Reader (provided by lecturer).

Postgraduate Textbooks:

- Postgraduate Reader (provided by lecturer).

Introduction to Christian Doctrines (UG: T7105B)

Basic Christian Doctrines (PG: T8105B)

Have you ever wondered about God, the meaning or purpose of life, the problem of evil, or the possibility of a future life? Explore these questions and others within the context of Christian understanding. No prerequisites, including faith, are required. Come with an openness to explore the meaning of life with some helpful guides from the past and present.

Undergraduate Textbooks:

- Migliore, Daniel L. *Faith Seeking Understanding: An Introduction to Christian Theology*. 3rd edition. Grand Rapids, Michigan, William B. Eerdmans, 2014.

Postgraduate Textbooks:

- Migliore, Daniel L. *Faith Seeking Understanding: An Introduction to Christian Theology*. 4th edition. Grand Rapids, Michigan, William B. Eerdmans, 2023.
- Placher, William C. ed. *Essentials of Christian Theology*. London, Westminster John Knox Press, 2003.

Hermeneutics (UG: B7203B; prerequisite: 9 cp of Level 7100 B units)

Hermeneutics of the Bible (PG: B9203B; prerequisite: 9 cp of Level 8100 B units)

At various times in history, the Bible has been misunderstood or even misused to justify injustice, fuel division, or advance ideas far removed from God's intent because of flawed methods of reading and interpretation. Reading verses out of context or assuming that a literal interpretation is always the best method may distort Scripture's true message and

cause serious harm. On the other hand, understanding the Bible isn't always simple; time, language, and cultural gaps stand between the contemporary reader and the ancient world of the text. This class explores old and new techniques to bridge interpretation gaps and generate a more faithful, contextual, and wholistic understanding of Scripture.

Undergraduate Textbooks:

- Duvall, J. Scott, and J. Daniel Hays. *Grasping God's Word: A Hands-on Approach to Reading, Interpreting, and Applying the Bible*. Fourth edition, Zondervan Academic, 2020.
- Undergraduate Reader (provided by lecturer).

Postgraduate Textbooks:

- Duvall, J. Scott, and J. Daniel Hays. *Grasping God's Word: A Hands-on Approach to Reading, Interpreting, and Applying the Bible*. Fourth edition, Zondervan Academic, 2020.
- Postgraduate Reader (provided by lecturer).

The Wesleyan Means of Grace in Pastoral Practice (UG: P7227B; prerequisite: P7101B)
 Pastoral Perspectives on the Wesleyan Means of Grace (PG: P9227B; prerequisite: 9cp of P units at Level 8100)

Note: We hope to also offer this as a Theology unit – contact Registrar for information.

Western Christianity inhabits a culture that promotes individualism, instant-gratification consumerism, and an emphasis on self-help and private devotional practices for a better spirituality. A Wesleyan framework, by contrast, offers grace-filled transformative practices set in community for moulding mature Christians. Personal and community faith habits, or means of grace, are central to this pathway of discipleship. This unit will explore a range of personal and congregational practices that mediate the transformative power of God's love to those committed to the pursuit of Christ-like discipleship within the community of faith.

Undergraduate Textbooks:

- LeClerc, Diane and Mark A. Maddix. *Spiritual formation: a Wesleyan paradigm*. Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City, 2011.
- Staples, Rob. *Outward Sign and Inward Grace: The Place of the Sacraments in Wesleyan Spirituality*. Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City, 1991.
- PDF Reader (provided by lecturer).

Postgraduate Textbooks:

- Staples, Rob. *Outward Sign and Inward Grace: The Place of the Sacraments in Wesleyan Spirituality*. Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City, 1991.
- Whitworth, David Martin. *Missio Dei and the Means of Grace: A Theology of Participation*. Eugene: Pickwick, 2019.
- PDF Reader (provided by lecturer).

Critical Thinking and Writing in Theological Studies (UG: A7100B)**Critical Academic Skills in Theological Education (PG: A8100B)**

Why does asking questions improve our critical thinking skills? How can we ask questions that invite dialogue, engage diversity, and probe issues and problems more deeply? Is there a right answer to every question? When reading, when do we soak up a lot of information like a sponge and when should we select and filter it? Why do critical readers read the conclusion of an article or book first? What is a “hook” and a “thesis statement” and why do the introductions to our essays need them? How do we integrate the views of “scholars” into our writing? The learning activities in this class will respond to these questions and will improve critical thinking, reading, and writing skills for theological studies.

Undergraduate Textbooks:

- Undergraduate Reader (provided by the lecturer).

Postgraduate Textbooks:

- Postgraduate Reader (provided by the lecturer).

Introduction to Pastoral Preaching, (UG: P7150B)**Foundations of Pastoral Preaching (PG: P8150B)**

When God speaks, new life is formed. As a preacher, you get to participate in proclaiming God’s life-giving word. It’s a great privilege but also a challenge. In this course, we will explore together how we can listen well, write well, and then deliver well. You will learn by doing, as you prepare and deliver sermons. Whether your context is a Sunday morning gathering or youth group devotions, if you’re new to preaching or looking to grow your skills, this course will grow your ability to communicate what God is saying today.

Undergraduate Textbooks:

- Long, Thomas G. *The Witness of Preaching*. 3rd Edition. Westminster John Knox Press, 2016.

Postgraduate Textbooks:

- Craddock, Fred B. *Craddock on the Craft of Preaching*. Atlanta, GA: Chalice Press, 2011.

Introduction to Christian Education: A Journey of Making Disciples (UG: P7140B)**Foundations of Christian Education: A Journey of Making Disciples (PG: P8140B)**

Christian education has traditionally been viewed as a process of cognitive formation. The Great Commission to make disciples, however, compels us to recognize it as a whole-life discipleship journey embracing the entire person, rather than just the mind. This course explores Christian education as an integrative learning process that impacts all of life in all seasons of life.

Undergraduate Textbooks:

- Barber, Sam. *A People of Grace: Becoming Disciples Together*. Kansas City, MO: The Foundry Publishing, 2023.
- Additional Undergraduate Readings (provided by lecturer).

Postgraduate Textbooks:

- Barber, Sam. *A People of Grace: Becoming Disciples Together*. Kansas City, MO: The Foundry Publishing, 2023.
- Maddix, Mark A., Jonathan H. Kim, and James Riley Estep Jr. *Understanding Faith Formation: Theological, Congregational, and Global Dimensions*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2020.

Chaplaincy: Supervised Ministry Experience (PG: P8171B) by request

This unit includes teaching on group work and community development, but its primary focus is a ministry placement in a chaplaincy setting with a qualified chaplain mentor. Students will get practical, hands-on experience in chaplaincy with the opportunity to reflect on the various ministry functions in which they will be involved.

Trimester 2

The Self-Revealing God (UG: T7213B; prerequisite: T7105B)

Triune God & Revelation (PG: T9212B; prerequisite: T8105B)

For many Christians, the doctrine of the Trinity has either been set aside in the “mysteries of faith not meant to be understood” basket or passed over quickly with reference to analogies of 3 leaf clovers and water that can be ice, liquid and steam. Other than these moves, the doctrine of the trinity has little relevance for life and ministry. In the context of interfaith dialogue some Christians may even consider the doctrine to be something of an embarrassment. In this course, with the help of some excellent guides, we will discover the revolutionary implications for life and ministry of this much overlooked doctrine.

Undergraduate Textbooks:

- To be Determined.

Postgraduate Textbooks:

- To be Determined.

Introduction to Counselling: A Pastoral Care Approach (UG: C7100B)

Pastoral Counselling in Ministry: A Pastoral Care Approach (PG: C8102B)

Those engaged in Pastoral Care will often find themselves called upon to offer Pastoral Counselling formally or informally. How does one prepare? How do Pastoral Care and Counselling overlap? What is distinctive about Pastoral Counselling? What are its relationships to the Bible, theology, and the behavioural sciences? And what are the attitudes, values, strategies, and skills that help turn a well-meaning conversation into a therapeutic dialogue? Explore these and other questions while developing the basic skills of this very practical and important aspect of pastoral care.

Undergraduate Textbooks:

- Clinebell, Howard. *Basic Types of Pastoral Care and Counselling: Resources for the Ministry of Healing and Growth*. 3rd Ed. Nashville, TN: Abingdon, 2011.
- Collins, Gary R. *Christian Counselling: A Comprehensive Guide*. 3rd Ed. Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 2007.

Postgraduate Textbooks:

- Clinebell, Howard. *Basic Types of Pastoral Care and Counselling: Resources for the Ministry of Healing and Growth*. 3rd Ed. Nashville, TN: Abingdon, 2011.
- Collins, Gary R. *Christian Counselling: A Comprehensive Guide*. 3rd Ed. Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 2007.

Introduction to Pastoral Theology and Ministry (UG: P7101B)

Introduction to Pastoral and Practical Theology (PG: P8101B)

How do we turn our faith into action? What does it truly mean to serve others within the Body of Christ? This course delves into the biblical and theological foundations of ministry, equipping you to reflect deeply on faith and respond to real-world needs in ways that are both biblically sound and theologically coherent. Discover how to apply your faith in practical and impactful ways as you learn to serve with wisdom and compassion.

Undergraduate Textbooks:

- To be Determined.

Postgraduate Textbooks:

- To be Determined.

Theology of John and Charles Wesley (UG: T7268B; prerequisite: T7105B)

Theological Writings of John and Charles Wesley (PG: T9268B; prerequisite: T8105B)

John and Charles Wesley, two Anglican priests in the 18th century, could never have imagined that two hundred and fifty years after their deaths roughly 80 million Christians around the world would identify themselves as ‘Wesleyan’ in their theology and spiritual practices. What was it about these two figures that inspired such a long-lasting tradition? What influenced their own theology and practices? How did they navigate the cultural, political, and ecclesial challenges of their day? These and many other questions will be explored in this fascinating class.

Undergraduate Textbooks:

- Chilcote, Paul Wesley. *John and Charles Wesley: Selections from their Writings and Hymns – Annotated and Explained*. Skylight Paths, 2011.
- PDF Reader of John and Charles Wesley’s Writings (provided by lecturer).

Postgraduate Textbooks:

- Knight III, Henry H. *John Wesley: Optimist of Grace*. Eugene: Cascade, 2018.
- Kimbrough, Jr., S. T. *Charles Wesley, A Prisoner of Hope*. Eugene: Cascade, 2025.
- PDF Reader of John and Charles Wesley’s Writings (provided by lecturer).

Introduction to Intercultural Mission (UG: M7227B)

Intercultural Communication (PG: M9227B)

In today’s interconnected world, intercultural ministry isn’t confined to distant lands—it happens right in our own communities. With the increasing diversity in local churches, being equipped for intercultural ministry is more essential than ever. This course will guide you through the biblical and theological foundations of intercultural engagement, along with practical tools to serve effectively across different cultures. Prepare to expand your horizons and embrace ministry that crosses borders—both near and far.

Undergraduate Textbooks:

- Tucker, Frank. *Intercultural Communication for Christian Ministry*. Second Edition. Adelaide, 2020.

Postgraduate Textbooks:

- Lingenfelter, Sherwood G., and Marvin Keene Mayers. *Ministering Cross-Culturally: A Model for Effective Personal Relationships*. Third Edition. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2016.

Pentateuch (UG: B7212B; prerequisite 9 cp of Level 7100 B units)

Interpreting the Pentateuch (PG: B9212B; prerequisite 9 cp of Level 8100 B units)

Note: We also prefer that students have completed a Hermeneutics/Biblical Interpretation unit before undertaking Biblical Exegesis units.

A talking serpent; a God who thunders or rides on clouds to help; treachery, deception, and violence; insiders and outsiders; arcane laws and customs. Acquire the academic skills needed to understand the symbolism, artistry, meaning and significance of the sacred yet peculiar books of the Pentateuch.

Undergraduate Textbooks:

- Wenham, Gordon J. *Exploring the Old Testament: A Guide to the Pentateuch*. Downers Grove: IVP Academic, 2016 (2003 version is okay)
- Coleson, Joseph E. "Ezer Cenegdo: A Power Like Him, Facing Him as Equal." Wesleyan/Holiness Women Clergy, 1996.
https://apnts.whdl.org/sites/default/files/resource/4567776/EN-ezer_cenegdo-2025-04-23.pdf?language=en
- Undergraduate Reader (provided by lecturer).

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- Wenham, Gordon J. *Exploring the Old Testament: A Guide to the Pentateuch*. Downers Grove: IVP Academic, 2016 (2003 version is okay).
- Coleson, Joseph E. "Ezer Cenegdo: A Power Like Him, Facing Him as Equal." Wesleyan/Holiness Women Clergy, 1996.
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- Postgraduate Reader (provided by lecturer).

Israel's Beginnings: The Books of Genesis and Exodus (PG: B9213B; prerequisite: 9 cp of Level 8100 B units)

Note: Students wishing to take this unit must seek permission from Registrar or Academic Dean.

The Christian Gospel begins here in Genesis and Exodus. These foundational books lay the groundwork, revealing how the world came into existence, the basis of human identity and value, God's design for relationships with Himself, others, and creation, and God's principles for human flourishing. These books uncover why we are drawn toward sin, why our hearts long for something more, and how God promises to act on our behalf. When properly understood these ancient narratives enrich the Gospel message. This class will focus on how to read Genesis and Exodus well.

Postgraduate Textbooks:

- Longman III, Tremper. *How to Read Genesis*. InterVarsity Press, 2025.
- Longman III, Tremper. *How to Read Exodus*. InterVarsity Press, 2010.
- Coleson, Joseph E. "Ezer Cenegdo: A Power Like Him, Facing Him as Equal." Wesleyan/Holiness Women Clergy, 1996.
https://apnts.whdl.org/sites/default/files/resource/4567776/EN-ezer_cenegdo-2025-04-23.pdf?language=en
- Lamoureux, Denis O., et al. *Four Views on the Historical Adam*. Edited by Matthew Barrett and Ardel B. Caneday, Zondervan, 2013.

- Postgraduate Reader (provided by lecturer).

Spirit and Church (UG: T7215B; prerequisite: 9cps T)

Pneumatology and Ecclesiology (PG: T9215B; prerequisite: 9cps T)

The rise and growth of the Pentecostal movement have led to a renewed interest in the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit. Questions have been raised about the way the Spirit works in both the church community and individual lives. How is this reflected in worship and ministry? Does the Spirit only work directly in the heart of the believer, or can the Spirit work through things like sacraments? When the news is filled with violence and destruction, what purpose does the Church play in society? Explore these questions and consider the ways in which our understanding of the Holy Spirit and Church equips our engagement with the world.

Undergraduate Textbooks:

- Bird, Michael F. *Evangelical Theology: A Biblical and Systematic Introduction*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2nd Edition, 2020.
- Smith, Gordon T. *Evangelical, Sacramental and Pentecostal: Why the Church Should be all Three*. Downers Grove: IVP Academic, 2017.

Postgraduate Textbooks:

- Bird, Michael F. *Evangelical Theology: A Biblical and Systematic Introduction*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2nd Edition, 2020.
- Avis, Paul. *Jesus and the Church: The Foundation of the Church in the New Testament and Modern Theology*. London: T&T Clark, 2021.
- PDF Reader (provided by lecturer).

Chaplaincy: Supervised Ministry Experience (PG: P8171B) by request

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Trimester 3

Introduction to Church History (UG: H7100B)

Introduction to the Study of Christian History (PG: H8100B)

May be taken as a NZ Intensive or a fully ONLINE module

We are living in an increasingly 'ahistoric age', rejecting the study of history as if it has no value for the present day: history is full of irrelevant stories and unenlightened ideas. This approach fails to recognise that no matter what age we live in, all of us have been formed, shaped, and influenced by history. Unlike other faiths, Christianity is founded upon the claim that God was enfleshed, lived, died, and rose again in a particular time and place. For the Christian, history MATTERS. Without it, we are destined to lose our identity and connection to the person whom we worship. From this foundation, we will explore the dynamic story of Christianity and the ways in which it shaped and continues to shape the Church today.

Undergraduate Textbooks:

- Noll, Mark A. *Turning Points: Decisive Moments in the History of Christianity*, 4th edition. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2022.
- Bettenson, Henry and Chris Maunder, eds. *Documents of the Christian Church*, 4th edition. New York: OUP, 2011.

Postgraduate Textbooks:

- Noll, Mark A. *Turning Points: Decisive Moments in the History of Christianity*, 4th edition. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2022.
- Bettenson, Henry and Chris Maunder, eds. *Documents of the Christian Church*, 4th edition. New York: OUP, 2011.
- PDF Reader (provided by lecturer).

Studies in Chaplaincy: Complexities & Tensions (UG: C7192B)

Studies in Chaplaincy: Complexities & Tensions (PG: C8195B)

The practice of chaplaincy comes with its fair share of complexities and tensions. Some chaplaincy work is difficult and requires a higher level of knowledge and skills to move through (complexities), while other chaplaincy work is theologically or ethically challenging and difficult to navigate (tensions). This unit will explore how chaplains can navigate difficult territories of practice through the development of a personal practice framework. Issues explored include, diversity of gender and sexuality, interfaith engagement, child protection, family violence, critical incidents, disability, mental health etc. The unit material will delve into the personal, professional, and contextual dimensions of these issues, building up the student's personal practice framework along the way.

Undergraduate Textbooks:

- Undergraduate Reader (provided by the lecturer).

Postgraduate Textbooks:

- Postgraduate Reader (provided by the lecturer).

Church Planting Through Neighbourhood Engagement (UG: P7233B; prerequisite: P7101B and 9cps P/M)

Church Planting Through Community Engagement (PG: P9233B; prerequisite: P8101B and 9cps P/M)

What would a new church look like and how does it meet the needs of its community? What types of people and resources are required? Explore the historical, biblical, and theological foundations for church planting, principles of Community Development, cultural “exegesis,” strategies for and measurements of a successful church plant. Learn how to assess the need for new churches and develop a church-planting toolkit.

Undergraduate Textbooks:

- Sparks, Paul, Tim Soerens, and Dwight Friesen. *The New Parish: How Neighborhood Churches are Transforming Mission, Discipleship and Community*. Downers Grove: IVP, 2014.

Postgraduate Textbooks:

- Sparks, Paul, Tim Soerens, and Dwight Friesen. *The New Parish: How Neighborhood Churches are Transforming Mission, Discipleship and Community*. Downers Grove: IVP, 2014.
- Kreminski, Karina. *Urban Spirituality: Embodying God’s Mission in the Neighborhood*. Skyforest, CA: Urban Loft Publishers, 2018.

Women in Ministry: Wesleyan Perspectives (New Unit: Details Pending)

Note: We hope to offer this as both a Theology unit and a Pastoral Theology unit – contact the Registrar for information.

The past few decades have seen a sharp rise in the number of debates among evangelical churches about the role of women in the church, specifically the teaching/preaching and the pastoring/leadership roles. However, the arguments derive from, and impact, many other areas of life, particularly the home and the workplace. The debate then usually centres around ‘complementarianism’ and ‘egalitarianism’ and how one or other of these is ‘clearly scriptural’.

This class is a Wesleyan exploration of the roles of women in ministry, with ‘ministry’ encompassing the home, the workplace, and the community — not just the church congregation. The aim is to identify the critical issues involved and reflect upon them, drawing inspiration and vision from the Wesleyan tradition.

Undergraduate Textbooks:

- To Be Determined.
- PDF Reader (provided by lecturer).

Postgraduate Textbooks:

- To Be Determined.
- PDF Reader (provided by lecturer).

Christian Perspectives on World Religions (UG: M7240B; prerequisite 18cps T or 9cps T and 9cps M)

World Religions in Christian Perspective (PG: M9240B; prerequisite 18cps T or 9cps T and 9cps M)

The study of Christian theology today is impacted by the realities of a multi-cultural, multi-faith society, with a diverse range of perspectives, beliefs, and practises. Christians cannot afford to be ignorant of the teachings and beliefs of other world religions, as daily life increasingly becomes an intersection of worldviews. Being able to effectively communicate the Gospel in this context means having some knowledge of the context. Equip yourself with a basic understanding of the beliefs and practises of other religious faiths.

Undergraduate Textbooks:

- Corduan, Winfried. *Neighboring Faiths: A Christian Introduction to World Religions*. 2nd Edition. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2013.

Postgraduate Textbooks:

- Muck, Terry, and Frances S. Adeney. *Christianity Encountering World Religions: The Practice of Mission in the Twenty-first Century*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2009.

Wisdom Literature: The Book of Job (UG: B7229B; prerequisite: 9 cp of Level 7100 B units)
Interpreting Wisdom & Poetry in Israel: The Book of Job (PG: B9229B; prerequisite: 9 cp of Level 8100 B units)

Note: We also prefer that students have completed a Hermeneutics/Biblical Interpretation unit before undertaking Biblical Exegesis units.

Come and meet an uncommonly good man named Job from a remote land and a well concealed setting in time. Wrestle with the story and the questions that emerge. Questions like: What is 'Wisdom Literature' and how is this story an example of it? Are the Accuser's accusations against God or Job? Does the book help us answer the question of why bad things happen to good people? Is this book about God's justice, "talking back" to God, or something else? The answers may surprise you, and they will certainly stretch you.

Undergraduate Textbooks:

- Walton, John H. and Tremper Longman III. *How to Read Job*. Downers Grove, IVP Academic, 2015.
- Undergraduate Reader (provided by lecturer).

Postgraduate Textbooks

- Walton, John H. and Tremper Longman III. *How to Read Job*. Downers Grove, IVP Academic, 2015.
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